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1. On 9 July 1953, a conference of all heads of departments of the State Secretariat of Shipping was held in the office of State Secretary Ernst Wollweber.<sup>1</sup> The most important point on the agenda was the statement by Wollweber that:
  - a. Effective immediately, all consignments of reparations and other goods for the USSR are to be transported by rail to Rostock to be delivered by sea from Rostock to the USSR.
    - (1) The Reichsbahn is to provide the necessary transport.
    - (2) The Reichsbahn is responsible for the efficient running of the trains to Rostock.
    - (3) The State Secretariat of Shipping is responsible for the shipment of the goods from Rostock.
  - b. All consignments of reparations and other goods for the USSR which can be sent by water via the Oder, will, effective immediately, be sent to Stettin.
    - (1) The State Secretariat of Shipping is to provide the necessary transport.
    - (2) Protection of transportation on the Oder to ensure smooth passage is being taken over by the occupying power.
  - c. This instruction has been issued by the East German Government to the State Secretariat and takes effect immediately.<sup>2</sup>

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: On 20 July 1953, Wollweber was transferred and made head of the State Secretariat of State Security. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
2. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] the reason for these measures was to minimize the dangers of sabotage. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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